(d) if so, by when the entire industry will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology; and

(e) whether Government will consider a plan to discourage those who does not upgrade technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the latest Index of Industrial Production (IIP), textiles production is strong compared to the entire industry. IIP registered a growth of 5.79%, whereas production of textile products (including apparel) recorded a growth of 9.47% and that of wool, silk and man-made textiles registered a growth of 11.88% during April-August, 2009 over the same period in 2008

As per Director General, Commercial Intelligence and Statistics' data, textiles exports have declined by 20.41% in dollar terms during the period April-June 2009 over corresponding period of previous year, which is attributable to recession conditions in major economies world-wide.

(c) and (d) The Government commissioned Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernization and technology upgradation with effect from 01.4.1999 and in its operational life span has propelled investment of more than Rs. 1,79,835 crores upto 30.6.2009. In fact, the allocation for 2007-08 under TUFS was Rs. 1090 crore which has been enhanced to Rs. 2890 crore in 2009-10.

(e) The Government is not considering any such action.

Encouraging workers to manufacture jute

2305. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is encouraging the workers to manufacture jute and other bags;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives announced for the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has launched "**Jute Technology Mission (JTM)" with effect from 2007-08, spanning a period of 5 years (Eleventh five Year Plan Period)**, for overall development of the Jute Industry in the country and promotion of jute and jute products at home and abroad.

Mini Mission IV of JTM has 4 Scheme Components in place for modernization of organized jute mills and 5 Scheme components for promotion of jute diversified products, with a total outlay of Rs. 242 crores for the **total Mission period (5 years).**

The Scheme "Training of Workers and Supervisors" provides for training of workers in Jute Mills. The trained Jute Mill personnel stand engaged in **production of different jute products, including jute bags.**

The Scheme "Helping the NGOs and Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) for developing jute diversified products", assists NGOs, Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) in their efforts **for production of jute diversified products, including jute bags**, under Cluster Development Programmes. The Scheme for Promotion of Jute Diversification also provides support to the workers in the form of trainings, skill upgradation, design and product development and market exposure through exhibitions and fairs.

Financial status of powerloom units

2306. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any details of the financial status of powerloom Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the incentives announced during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for Andhra Pradesh workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The following schemes for the decentralised Powerloom Sector are uniformly applicable to all States including Andhra Pradesh:—

(i) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to provide 5% interest reimbursement, 15% and 20% Margin Money Subsidy (MMS) on investment in machines in textile units. The 5% interest reimbursement is provided to all textile units including powerloom units. 15% Margin Money Subsidy is provided to all SSI Textile units including powerloom units. 20% Margin Money Subsidy is provided to SSI powerloom units.

(ii) Group Insurance Scheme for welfare of powerloom weavers under which the total premium is Rs. 330/-, out of which Rs. 150/- to be borne by the Government of India, Rs. 100/- to be paid by the LIC from the Social Security Fund of Government of India and only a premium of Rs. 80/- to be paid by the powerloom weaver for getting the following coverage benefits under the said scheme:—

Natural Death	Accidental Death	Total Permanent Disability	Partial Permanent Disability
Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 1,50,000/-	Rs. 1,50,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-

(iii) Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Cluster Development which includes exposure visit for powerloom weavers, Buyer Seller meet for market development, HRD etc.